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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of August 17, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits the following reply, constituted by amendments to the claims, and accompanying remarks urging the patentability of the claims. (This reply is being filed on November 19, 2007, the first business day following the Saturday, November 17, 2007 date that is three calendar months from the mailing date of the Office action, and is therefore timely filed.)

**AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.